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Applicants: Joseph R. BYRUM
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants
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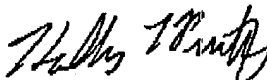
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Amendment After Final Rejection; and
2. Appointment of Associate Attorney.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.132. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.


Sincerely,



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Enclosures

I hereby certify that the foregoing transmittal letter accompanying an Amendment After Final Rejection and Appointment of Associate Attorney is being facsimile transmitted to the attention of Examiner Juliet Switzer, via facsimile number (703) 872-9307.



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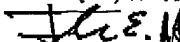
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2003 (Paper Number 8),

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Applicant does not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and authorization to charge any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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